

## Message from the Guest Editors



It is a great honour for us to edit this special issue of *Procedia Social and Behavioral Science* for the selected papers presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corpus Linguistics (CILC2015), which was held in Valladolid (Spain) from 5 to 7 March, 2015.

The term “corpus” is mostly used to refer to a relatively large collection of naturally-occurring texts, which have been stored in machine-readable form (McEnery & Hardie, 2011). In this form, the texts are then studied using various computer programs, in the branch of linguistics known as “corpus linguistics”. In addition to size, there are three important ways in which the various existing synchronic corpora differ: the genre of the texts included (whether they are specialized or not), the inclusion of either whole or sampled texts, and whether the corpus is added to over time.

In addition to traditionally-conceived corpus work, participants in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corpus Linguistics held in Valladolid (Spain) explored the relationship between traditionally-conceived corpus work and big data. In other words, they aimed to pose questions and point to possible answers regarding the future of the discipline and its similarities and differences with Big Data. Leading scholars in this field have presented and discussed current challenges related with the confluence of traditionally-conceived corpus studies and Big Data (e.g. aspects such as methodological similarities and differences, development of new software, translation of basic research into innovation, and analysis of user-generated content on social networks for gleaning people’s emotions with the aim of developing new commercial products).

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